



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MASSACHUSETTS IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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These Updates, published by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) in consultation with the other state agencies involved in ACA implementation, will bring you news related to the implementation of provisions of the ACA here in Massachusetts.

Essential Health Benefits

The Division of Insurance is seeking comments from interested parties on the selection of the Essential Health Benefits benchmark plan. The linked chart can be used for reference and shows the differences in membership, value and covered services between the health plans under consideration. Please send comments to Kevin.beagan@state.ma.us and Robert.a.whitney@state.ma.us by **Wednesday, September 26 at noon**.

View the Essential Health Benefits chart at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/eohhs/healthcare-reform/prev-meetings/120919-ehb-chart.pdf>

View a Presentation on Essential Health Benefits Benchmark Plan Selection at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/eohhs/healthcare-reform/prev-meetings/120919-essential-health-benefits-benchmark.ppt>

Upcoming Events

Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals Open Meeting

Friday, September 21, 2012

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

State Transportation Building, Conference Rooms 1, 2 & 3

10 Park Plaza

Boston, MA

Please note - this is a change in location from that announced at the August 31 Open Meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to have an open conversation about two key implementation topics for the Duals Demonstration: the advisory committee, and the ombudsperson role. MassHealth will use this meeting as an opportunity to hear stakeholders' ideas on these topics.

Please note that the process for selecting ICOs is still ongoing, and information on which ICOs will be selected for participation will not be provided at this meeting.

We welcome attendance from all stakeholders and members of the public with interest in the Demonstration. Reasonable accommodations will be made for participants who need assistance. Please send your request for accommodations to Donna Kymalainen at

Donna.Kymalainen@state.ma.us.

Bookmark the **Massachusetts National Health Care Reform website** at: <http://mass.gov/national health reform> to read updates on ACA implementation in Massachusetts.

Remember to check <http://mass.gov/masshealth/duals> for information on the **"Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals"** initiative.